

**FIRST 5 PLACER COUNTY  
CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES COMMISSION (CFC)**

**Meeting Minutes, October 9, 2003**

Shiloh Center  
905 Lincoln Way  
Auburn, CA.

**AMENDED MINUTES**

Attendees (Commissioners & Staff):

**Raymond Merz**, Commissioner & Director of Placer County Health & Human Services  
**Dr. Richard Burton**, Commissioner & Placer County Health Officer  
**Mindy Danovaro**, Commissioner, Director of Development and Outreach, CALSTAR  
**Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin**, Commissioner & Director for the CA Institute for Mental Health  
**Christa Darlington**, County Counsel  
**Don Ferretti**, CFC Coordinator & HHS Administration  
**Nancy Baggett**, CFC Staff Systems Analyst, HHS Administration  
**Bobbie Reagan**, CFC Administrative Staff, HHS Administration

Commissioners & Staff Not in Attendance:

**Jill Harper**, Chair, Commissioner & PCOE Administrator of Child Development Programs  
**Tamara Lieberman**, Vice Chair, Commissioner & Tahoe Community Foundation  
**Harriet White**, Commissioner & Board of Supervisors – District 3

Public Attendees:

**Carol Johnson**, Court Facilitators Office  
**David Gray**, Placer Institute  
**Christine Trejo**, Placer County Superior Courts  
**Steve Conklin**, Shiloh Center  
**Dan Lovas**, Auburn Family T.K.D.  
**Lisa Bohne**, SRI - Statewide Evaluation  
**Jeannette Lovejoy**, PCOE Child Care Services  
**Leesa Albrecht**, MCPC

Amended to include Commissioner Naylor-Goodwin as attending the October 9, 2003 CFC Meeting.

## **Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Burton, at 4:37 p.m.

### **I. Public Comment**

Persons may address the Commission on items not on this agenda. Please note that although the Commission is very interested in your concerns, the California Brown Act prohibits the Commission from taking any action at this meeting on items not published on this agenda.

### **II. Approval of Minutes from Meeting held September 11, 2003**

**Motion to approve the September 11, 2003 meeting minutes.**

Merz / Danovaro / Unanimous. No discussion followed.

### **III. Commission Action Items**

1. Public Hearing on the First 5 Placer Annual Report Form, Part 1, County Commission Narrative, for fiscal year 2002-2003.

**Action: Given that there were no public comments, it was the consensus of the Commission to unanimously approve the annual report.**

2. The Community Resource Committee (CRC) requests action on the following items, which include recommendations for funding of \$5,000 or under applications.

- a) Auburn Family Taekwondo – It is recommended that \$5,000 be awarded to the “Little Ninjas” program, which is a detailed curriculum that focuses on improving preschool age children’s basic motor and listening skills. The funds would be used to provide scholarships and other assistance for up to 25 Little Ninjas.

**Motion to approve funding for the Auburn Family Taekwondo in the amount of \$5,000 for scholarships and other assistance for up to 25 Little Ninjas.**

Burton / Merz / Unanimous. No discussion followed.

- b) Tutor Totter Preschool – It is recommended that \$3,000 be awarded to this nonprofit, co-op preschool for children in the program who might otherwise need to drop out because of financial hardship.

**Motion to approve funding for the Tutor Totter Preschool in the amount of \$3,000 in order to keep financially burdened children in the preschool program with the condition that each family be informed about other publicly funded preschool opportunities at Clipper Gap Head Start and Colfax and Auburn Elementary Schools.**

Merz / Naylor-Goodwin / Unanimous. No discussion followed.

- c) Letter of Request from First 5 Association of California – The First 5 Association is requesting that each First 5 Commission discuss ways that Commissioners can become more involved in local and statewide advocacy.

The CRC recommends that First 5 Placer County become more involved at the State level by appointing Commissioner Mindy Danovaro to participate in First 5 Association meetings, keeping the CFC focus on the original intent of Proposition 10.

**Motion to appoint Commissioner Mindy Danovaro to participate in First 5 Association meetings with the understanding that this appointment does not preclude any other Commissioner or First 5 staff from also attending First 5 Association or State Commission Meetings.**

Naylor-Goodwin / Merz / Unanimous. No discussion followed.

#### **IV. Commissioner Reports**

Mindy Danovaro – Mindy requested input from all Commissioners prior to attending the First 5 Association meetings.

Ray Merz – Provided an overview on the success of the Placer Collaborative Network's Camp 10 and how the emphasis of the meeting was directed toward "assessing the strengths of the family." Ray also noted that at the end of the day (after all the meetings) people gathered together with guitars and singing putting all opinions and issues aside.

The Continuum of Care for the City of Roseville and Placer County McKinley Act Homeless programs were addressed at a meeting that Commissioner Merz attended with the Salvation Army and a group called Homebase. They are networking on a strategic plan for the homeless. The Salvation Army found it to be imperative to look at who is really collaborating together prior to bringing in new resources. Commissioner Merz reaffirmed the importance of collaboration when trying to bring in any money.

#### **V. Advisory Committee Reports:**

- **Community Collaborative of Tahoe/Truckee – Kim Bradley**  
No report.
- **Placer Collaborative Network – Getta Dolinick**  
No Report
- **Childcare Local Planning Council – Francine Nunes**  
No report.

## **VI. Coordinator Report –Don Ferretti**

Two Community Conversations have been completed as of today. Several conversations are scheduled over the next few weeks (Lincoln, Lake Tahoe, Rocklin, Auburn). Then we will have the Outcome Faire, which will be followed up with the Strategic Planning – Open Space Event on October 25, 2003.

The CRC meeting scheduled for October 28, 2003 will include a conversation on the definition of “sustainability” as sustainability means more than just additional grant money. It also must take into account things such as the culture, relationships, and principles/values that are also needed to achieve outcomes. The CRC will also create a small “writing team” to revise/update our current strategic plan. Part of this task will be to review and make sense of all the data that will come in from the community conversations and the strategic planning meeting. This updated plan will need to be approved by the Commission and hopefully will provide a “road map” to take us beyond June 30, 2004. Don stressed the importance of everyone, Commissioners, and partners in spreading the word about the conversations and the upcoming Outcome Faire and Strategic Planning Event on 10/24 and 10/25/2003.

Commissioner Merz suggested that this information be presented to the Board of Supervisors, under Public Comment when they meet in Tahoe on October 21, 2004 since this is just prior to the two events scheduled on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Don concurred requesting that a Commissioner be the presenter. Commissioner Lieberman was selected since she is located in that area. Commissioner Burton requested that date, times and locations of the Community Conversations be provided to the Commissioners.

Don noted that some of the partners who were trained in the “Focused Conversation Method” will be facilitating some of the upcoming community conversations. Fiona Tuttle will facilitate the Sutter Auburn Faith meeting, Kim Bradley will facilitate the Kings Beach meeting and Commissioner Lieberman will facilitate the meeting in Truckee.

Kim Bradley organized a meeting on October 8, 2003, with First 5 Placer County and First 5 Nevada County Commissioners with Commissioner Lieberman representing CFC and Susan Fernandes representing the CRC. Three Commissioners were in attendance from Nevada County First 5. Nevada County is very interested in partnering with us. They would like to analyze our data feedback loops, and the collaborative processes that we are using, requesting that we identify issues that can be worked on together within the Tahoe Region. The plan is for future meetings with Commissioners from both Counties attending.

The recruitment for the vacant Commissioner position has been opened. Applications are available on line at [www.placer.ca.gov/cfc](http://www.placer.ca.gov/cfc), at the Clerk of the Boards office, and at the CFC office. All applications must be turned in by November 21, 2003, which will then be reviewed by the CRC on December 1, 2004.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 5:24 p.m.